

Excerpt from Interview with Ken Hanson

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DePue: Had you heard about differences in treatment between what the North Koreans and the Chinese were doing, and how they were treating prisoners?

Hanson: No, because everything I'd heard from people that were captured at that time was that the Chinese were just as brutal as the North Koreans when they first came in. I know a Lieutenant Funches—he lives in Clemson, South Carolina—he was with the 24th Division. He said one day he started seeing some different uniforms on the enemy, and all of the sudden, there was a whole swarm of them came in and started firing at him and stuff. He said he was trying to get away when they shot him in the foot. They grabbed him and was dragging him behind them through this valley. He had these wounded guys laying there in this valley, and he said he turned around and the Chinese soldiers were shooting the wounded guys on the ground.

DePue: When would this have been, roughly?

Hanson: That was—well, when the Chinese came in, it must have been November of '50—

DePue: Was that well before the time you were captured.

Hanson: Oh, yes. But he told me all about that. So he told me about a lot of atrocities that the Chinese did too.